AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as indicated on the following substitute drawing pages with changes indicated in red.



REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment:

Claims 25, 28-33, and 36-38 are pending in this application, all of which were previously allowed.

Claims 26-27, 34-35, and 39-59 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

This Amendment cancels all claims not previously allowed and provides minor drawing revisions in response to the Draftperson's Review, placing this application in complete and immediate condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered.

Claims 26-27, 34-35, and 39-59 are canceled in order to expedite issuance of a patent covering Applicant's claims. Because of ongoing activities by a potential competitor which may be infringing one or more claims in this application, Applicant desires issuance of a patent covering at least the allowed claims as early as possible. Applicant is filing together with this Amendment a continuation application and preliminary amendment to continue prosecution of those claims that have not yet been allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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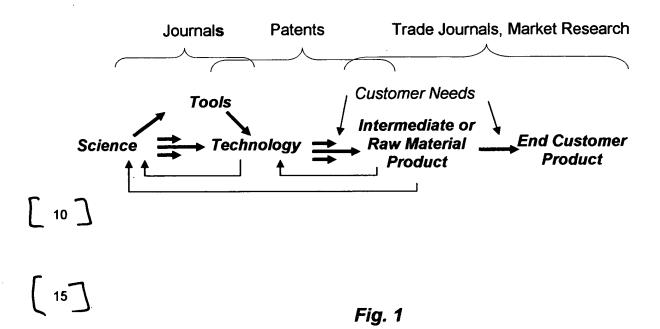
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Fig. 2



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Fig. 7a

Patenting Statistics: An Indicator of Technology Status

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Pattern	Biotechnology	Laundry Detergent	Cosmetics/Perfume	Wells, Drilling
Abstract	13	0	6	1
Book	74	10	10	8
Brochure	7	17	12	2
Government	2	0	1	0
Journal	650	9	80	23
Newspaper	60	0	0	0
Other	4	17	0	0
Patent	1	9	1	3
TOTAL	811	62	110	37
Number of Patents	13	10	11	11
Journal Refs/Patent	62.4	6.2	10	3.4

7b

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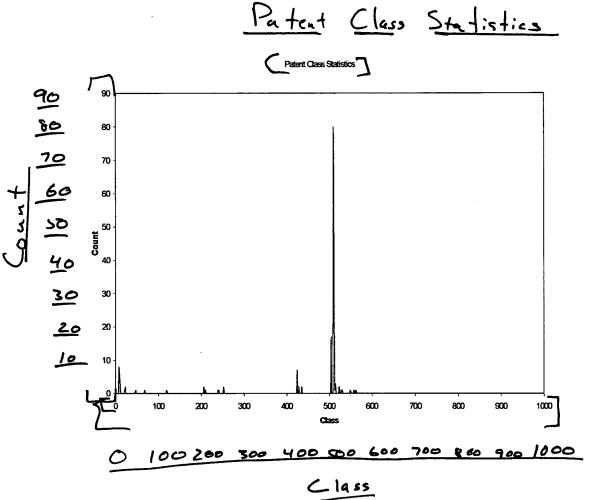


Fig. 8